

30th IAMSLIC CONFERENCE HOBART 2004

The first time in the Southern Hemisphere



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Mystic to Hobart – a 19th century maritime link

“Hobart even surpassed Sydney as a whaling port. On Good Friday 1847, when one can imagine pious American whaling masters from Salem and New Bedford seated in Hobart churches, there were said to be 47 whaling ships anchored in the Derwent. Most of the whalers were American...” Geoffrey Blainey *The tyranny of distance*. 1966

- Whaling ships had 15-30 crew, mostly mid 20s, so there may have been 1000 American crew in Hobart Town, when the population was approximately 24,000.





Old & New Wharves, 1860.
Courtesy of Crowther
Collection, State Library of
Tasmania



Waterman's Dock to New Wharf,
1890. Courtesy of Crowther
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The continuing “Tyranny of distance”

- It's a lot less than the 6mths by sailing ship, but it's 22 hours flying time London-Melbourne, 14 hrs Los Angeles-Melbourne and 1hr more to Hobart.
- We've come to Mystic on “around-the-World “ tickets. It was cheaper than return flights Hobart to Boston!
- Distance within the country is also considerable and has to be factored in if you're holidaying elsewhere in Australia before, or after the conference.
- You should be able to include Australian domestic flights as part of your international flight.



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Tasmania

- **Area:** 68,114 km², or 0.9% of the total area of Australia. For international comparison Maine is 79,931 km² and Sri Lanka is a similar sized island at 65,609 km²
- **Population:** Tasmania – 472,725, Hobart 184,000. For comparison Iceland 280,000 and Reykjavik 170,000
- The first European settlement of Hobart was in 1804, across the harbour from the CSIRO Marine Laboratories - the bicentennial commemoration will be the year of the IAMSLIC conference!

The Weather

- “If you don’t like it now, wait 10 minutes” - yes, it’s changeable.
- Hobart at lat. 42 South, is on the edge of the Southern Ocean and the Roaring Forties and has a cool-temperate climate, but not cold as the rest of Australia thinks.
- The 2004 conference will be in the second week of spring and the long-term averages for September are: 6.4 C min – 15.1 C max, with 51mm rainfall for the month (44F-59F and 2 inches rainfall)
- Bring warm clothes, a waterproof jacket and perhaps an umbrella.



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The Polar Libraries Colloquy

- The PLC will join us for a one day seminar during the 2004 conference. Their biennial conference will be held in Ottawa in June 2004 and a small number of PLC members are expected to also come to Hobart in September.
- A tour of the Australian Antarctic Division headquarters at Kingston, 8 km out of town, will be included in their program.
- Both joint and parallel sessions with IAMSLIC could be included.



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Conventionwise – the conference organisers

- Booked in Dec 2001. Have wide experience organising conferences of various sizes, including small scientific conferences based at the Marine Laboratories.
- \$55/head less \$15 State government subsidy.
- Will act as conference office, handling registration, with payments and set up a budget for the conference and cash flow.
- Confirm all accommodation bookings, obtaining favourable prices in a variety of accommodation.
- Touring & sightseeing, pre, during & post conference.



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The venue - CSIRO Marine Laboratories

- 150 seat auditorium with all AV facilities & Internet connection.
- Conference room, with network connections, adjacent to the auditorium for exhibitors & posters.
- Large foyer where morning & afternoon tea/coffee will be served. Posters could be displayed here.
- Large canteen where lunches will be served.
- Conventionwise will arrange the catering.







